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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper 9) mailed on July 5, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-12) drawn to methods comprising inhibiting AFABP expression in a whole organism for therapeutic purposes, classifiable in class 514, subclass 44. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this, or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21509-042).

Respectfully submitted,



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